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SENATOR SIMPSON: Well my own personal view would be that probably no one would go from Lincoln, unless it would be a specific course that they could get no place else. They do go to Milford and to the local ones, but Milford is only 18 miles one way. It's 45, pretty near 50 miles to the campus at Beatrice. I'm sure they're not going to drive back and forth for 50 miles to go to school. I cannot see anyone from Lincoln going, unless it would be a specific course you can't get anyplace else.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Well if the area system was able to utilize this building I certainly want to support this. But if in your opinion a greater percent of the enrollment is not going to be able to utilize this facility then it seems like it's entirely wrong to take it over. You do not know the percentage of enrollment that would be from the Lincoln area?

SENATOR SIMPSON: I'd say the percentage from Lincoln would be zero.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: No, I mean of your total student enrollment in the Southeastern area, the 17 county area or whatever it is? You wouldn't know the answer to that?

SENATOR SIMPSON: No, I don't know that percentage.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch. Senator Koch is not here. Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, perhaps.... Senator Kelly addressed himself to the possibility of the First Four Square group purchasing this. I'm wondering if perhaps he could answer a question for me, or perhaps the Speaker could also.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, I'd try.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Kelly, do you know from a.... Let's just look at this from a practical business-like standpoint, from a dollar and cents standpoint. Do you have any idea what the difference would be whether we grant this property to Southeast Tech or we make an actual sale to an outside party?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, and I'd state it this way, Senator Stoney, the University of Nebraska Foundation owns the building, if they sell that at a public sale those dollars from the sale would go to the Foundation and, therefore, be available to the University of Nebraska of which we appropriate tax money to for use by the University of Nebraska. If they sell that to the open market sale our University will have a dollar gain.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Kelly, do you have any idea of whether or not serious negotiations have taken place and whether or not there's a dollar figure that's been anticipated for the purchase of this particular facility?